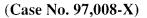
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Please amend lines 3-5 at page 1 to read as follows:

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